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23	V.	DX-4219		
24	APPLE INC.,	Judge: Hon. Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers		
25	Defendant, Counterclaimant.			
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Pursuant to Civil Local Rules 7-11 and 79-5(d), Epic hereby moves the Court for an administrative order sealing certain limited portions of two of the parties' trial exhibits: DX-3993 and DX-4219.

During the parties' final check to confirm that all admitted exhibits are publicly available on Box per the Court's Order (*see* Dkt. 468 (Pretrial Order No. 4, at 3)), Epic has reviewed DX-3993 and DX-4219 (which have not yet been posted to Box), and determined that these exhibits contain confidential information, disclosure of which may harm Epic and third parties. DX-3993 contains additional confidential third-party information that is similar to the confidential third-party information that the Court previously sealed in this document. DX-4219 contains login information to internal Epic websites, disclosure of which poses a security risk.

Accordingly, Epic files this supplemental motion requesting that the Court seal additional limited portions of DX-3993 and DX-4219. DX-3993 is attached as Exhibit A, with green highlighting over the information already sealed by the Court and yellow highlighting over the information that Epic requests to seal by this Motion. DX-4219 is attached as Exhibit B, with yellow highlighting over the information that Epic requests to seal by this Motion. Epic has limited its request to seal information on individual pages, thereby making it possible for a public redacted version of the document to be made available. Apple has stated that it will not object to Epic's request.

## **ARGUMENT**

Local Rule 79-5 provides that documents, or portions thereof, may be sealed if a party "establishes that the documents, or portions thereof, are privileged, protectable as a trade secret, or otherwise entitled to protection under the law." Civ. L. R. 79-5(b). The test applied is whether "compelling reasons supported by specific factual findings . . . outweigh . . . the public policies favoring disclosure." *Pintos v. Pac. Creditors Ass'n*, 605 F.3d 665, 679 (9th Cir. 2010) (internal quotation and citation omitted). In the interest of brevity, Epic refers to the further discussion of legal authorities set forth in the Prior Sealing Motion (defined below). *See* Dkt. 596.

As the Court has noted: "[T]he standard is more lenient when the information concerns third parties, but this is not dispositive. The third-party information must be balanced with the Court's ultimate resolution of the instant dispute which should be transparent in its analysis." Dkt. 547 (Pretrial Order No. 7 Re: Third Party Administrative Motions To Seal, at 2). With respect to third-party information, Epic seeks to seal only information that reflects sensitive business information of its third-party business partners which, if revealed, could impact those third parties' competitive standing. *See Ctr. for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Grp., LLC*, 809 F.3d 1092, 1097 (9th Cir. 2016).

<u>DX-3993</u> is an internal Epic presentation to Epic's Board of Directors, reporting on Epic's business and financial performance in 2019. Epic seeks to seal confidential business information of third parties, including confidential third-party revenue information.

On May 6, 2021, Epic filed a motion to seal potential trial exhibits, including DX-3993 (the "Prior Sealing Motion"), with a supporting declaration of Joseph Kreiner. *See*Dkt. 596. On May 7, 2021, the Court denied without prejudice the Prior Sealing Motion, and invited the parties to submit requests to seal documents that had been admitted during the week by noon PT on May 8, 2021. *See* Trial Tr. 1060:7-21, 1315:20-1316:4. On May 8, 2021, Epic submitted a request to seal in part DX-3993 to the Court with proposed redactions. On May 9, 2021, the Court granted Epic's sealing request with respect to this document. Dkt. 613 (Trial Order No. 3 Re: Bench Trial Week 1 Party Sealing Requests, at 2).

The additional information that Epic now seeks to seal is the same type of information that the Court has already sealed in this document, and disclosure of the additional information would reveal much of the information already sealed in this document. Moreover, the information sought to be sealed was not used nor disclosed at trial and neither party relied on this information in its proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law.

<u>DX-4219</u> is an internal Slack conversation between two Epic employees that contains login information to internal Epic websites. Disclosure of the login information would expose Epic's naming conventions for its internal webpages, which bad actors could use for

1	phishing and other social engineering attempts designed to extract sensitive and confidential		
2	information from Epic employees. The exhibit was not used at all during trial, included on any		
3	stipulation of exhibits, or cited by either par	ty in its findings of fact and conclusions of law. It	
4	appears to have been mentioned only during the verbal reconciliation of admitted exhibits on the		
5	final day of evidence presentation at trial. Trial Tr. 4044:3. Accordingly, the public has little		
6	interest in the limited information sought to be sealed in DX-4219.		
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8	For the foregoing reasons and the reasons set forth in the accompanying		
9	Declaration of Joseph Kreiner, the Prior Sealing Motion and its declaration from Mr. Kreiner,		
10	Epic respectfully requests that the Court seal the identified information.		
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